

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7-9, 11-15, 17, 18 and 20-24 were examined in the outstanding office action mailed on 10/06/2006 (hereafter "Outstanding Office Action"). Applicants note with appreciation that claims 2-5, 7-9, 11-15, 17, 18, 20, and 23-24 were allowed, and
5 claims 21 and 22 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent format including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

By virtue of this response, claims 1, 2, 8, 9, 11-13, 18 and 22 are sought to be amended and claim 21 is canceled. The amendments and cancellation are believed not to introduce new subject matter, and their entry is respectfully requested. The
10 amendments and cancellations are made without prejudice or disclaimer.

In particular, claim 1 has been amended to include the features of previously presented claim 21 indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent format. Accordingly currently amended claim 1 is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claim 22 has been amended to include feature of previously presented base claim
15 1. As claim 22 depended on claim 1 and as claim 22 has been indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent format, currently amended claim 22 is also in condition for allowance.

Claims 1, 2, 8, 9, 11-13, and 18 are sought to be amended to provide precise antecedent basis to corresponding terms.

All the objections and rejections are thus believed to be overcome and the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative at 707.356.4172 if it is believed that an
20 interview might be useful for any reason.

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